

**Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, NICE Community School District, Townships of Champion, Ely, Humboldt, Ishpeming, Tilden, and Spurr; Counties of Baraga and Marquette; and the State of Michigan held on **Monday, June 21, 2021**.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:41 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Boase, Kathleen Carlson, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman, Cliff Fossitt, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, PJ O'Brien

**Public Comment (regarding agenda):**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Kathy Carlson supported by John Grove** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson** to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson** to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson** to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$748,737.18 for the period of May 17, 2021 through June 18, 2021; to approve the May payrolls in the amount of \$628,106.00; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,376,843.18; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,306,531.81 and total disbursements of \$1,192,959.73; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,415,657.61 for May 31, 2021. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Superintendent & Administrator Reports

Bryan DeAugustine updated the board on a recent news interview that he and other area superintendents were a part of. He also mentioned that the Summer SCI Program is up and running. They will be doing field trips to outdoor venues only.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – NWEA MAP results for 2020-2021 provided.

Finance and Ops – Highlighted throughout tonight's meetings.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month, but a new policy update to review next month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

**Business / Action Items:**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Tara Graetzel as a special education teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Janet Kuopus as an elementary teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson** to hire Alyssa Kyllonen as an elementary teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Scott Mann** to authorize maternity leave for Christie Makela. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Dean Rushford as a substitute bus driver. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire April Valela as Administrative Assistant for Payroll and Human Resources.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann** to authorize the start of our auditing process. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Final Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson** to adopt the 2020-2021 Sinking Fund Budget Final Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau** to adopt the 2021-2022 Sinking Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 Cafeteria Fund Budget Final Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2021-2022 Cafeteria Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 Scholarship Fund Budget Final Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson** to adopt the 2021-2022 Scholarship Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 Student Activity Fund Budget Final Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2021-2022 Student Activity Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to accept Range Bank's bid to finance our bus purchases as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by Dave Boase supported by Kathleen Carlson** to accept Range Bank's bid to finance our scoreboard purchases as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by Dave Boase supported by Kathleen Carlson** to reauthorize our Extended Learning and Return to School Plans. Motion carried.

**Motion by Dave Boase supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize the solicitation of bids for flooring purchasing and installation for ARS and WHS. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to resolve to continue our membership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann** to authorize the operation of a school day daycare program for our school employees.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Dave Boase** to resolve to participate in the Michigan Finance Authority State Aid Borrowing Note Program as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

**Closing Comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Wendy Pederson thanked Bryan DeAugustine for continuing in-person learning for the entire 2020-2021 school year.

Randy Couveau thanked Bryan DeAugustine and Ron Mariani for attending the MARESA election event and continuing to attempt to hold MARESA accountable to the local districts.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked everyone for making it through a very tough school year.

Ron Mariani is hopeful for a normal 2021-2022 school year.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Board President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Board Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_